

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTH CAROLINA AERONAUTICS COMMISSION**  
**March 27, 2014**  
**10:00 a.m., West Columbia, South Carolina**

**Commission Members in Attendance**

Delphin A. Gantt, Jr., Chairman At-large  
George P. Waters, District 1  
Frank W. Young, District 2  
John R. Hunt, M. D., District 3  
Matthew J. Kappel, District 4  
William C. "Bill" VanAntwerp, District 5  
Carroll W. Joye, District 6

**Aeronautics Staff in Attendance**

Paul G. Werts, Executive Director  
James Stephens, Program Manager  
Revé Richardson, Recording Secretary  
Melody Mikell, Accountant & Grants Administrator  
Hugh Tuttle, Chief Pilot

**Commission Members Absent**

Gerald E. Harmon, M.D., District 7

**Visitors:**

Bud Coward, Past SCAC Commissioner  
Verone Peace, Pickens

**Visitors (Cont'd)**

Steve Epstein, Anderson  
Arlie Asay, Pickens

**Welcome & Call to Order**

*Chairman Gantt* called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and announced a quorum in attendance. He welcomed everyone and gave the invocation. *Chairman Gantt* gave a very special welcome to *Commissioner Waters* to the Commission and stated he knew he would be an excellent addition. *Chairman Gantt* welcomed our guests and requested Mr. Werts make the introductions.

**Approval of Minutes**

*Chairman Gantt* presented the minutes of the February 12, 2014 Commission meeting and asked if anyone had any edits or corrections. Since none were forthcoming, the minutes were approved as written.

**Financial, Budget, & Executive Director's Reports**

Mr. Werts presented the financials, the Executive Director's Report, and the Flight Department Report. Mr. Werts announced that it appears that we should end with a slight surplus. Mr. Werts announced that he and staff would be working on a whitepaper along with the South Carolina Department of Revenue concerning the State Aviation Fund and airline overflight fees.

Mr. Werts updated the Commission on the budget requests as follows: The House Sub-committee approved \$100K of appropriated funds of the \$150K requested, approved the \$750K of non-recurring funds for the SCAC ramp and \$500K of appropriated funds used for Federal Grant match; and the Senate Finance Sub-committee has not advised us yet as to their decisions. We hope to know back within the next two weeks. The meeting on Proviso's is scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mr. Stephens will be attending.

**Projects for Consideration**

Mr. Stephens presented the following Federal Aviation Association, state and local capital improvement projects for consideration:

Greenville Downtown Airport	Sealcoat Terminal & Hangar Areas	State \$14,790	Total \$ 19,720
Challenger Learning Center	Aerospace Education Program	State \$ 9,499	Total \$ 9,499
	5 laptops & Software Upgrades		

*Chairman Gantt* made a **Motion** the Greenville Downtown Airport project be approved in the amount of \$14,790 as presented, seconded by *Commissioner Hunt*; and after discussion, all approved.

*Chairman Gantt* made a **Motion** the Challenger Learning Center project be approved in the amount of \$9,499 as presented, seconded by *Commissioner Kappel*, and after discussion, all approved.

**District Reports**

*Commissioner Waters* – Stated he is happy to be a new member of the Commission and looking forward to serving. Invited everyone to fly in and see him at Mt. Pleasant. Looking forward to working with Paul as he has done for the last eight years while serving with the Charleston County Aviation Authority.

*Commissioner Young* – Stated he had nothing currently to report but is looking forward to working with *Commissioner Waters* as they have worked together in the past as corresponding airport commissions.

*Commissioner Hunt* – Reported he is delighted to have representatives from two of his airports visiting the Commission meeting today: Mr. Peace and Mr. Asay from Pickens County Airport and Mr. Epstein from Anderson Regional Airport. Also, Laurens County Airport received an award from the American Concrete Association for their new runway. Mr. Werts attended the ceremony when the award was presented. *Commissioner Hunt* also noted that Anderson representatives would like to attend the April SCAC meeting to make a presentation concerning their new terminal building project.

*Commissioner Kappel* – Stated he had nothing to add but to say he is sorry he has missed so much lately and regretted that he was unable to attend the SCAA Conference due to the weather making it impossible for him to get out of the upstate. However,

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he does want to invite everyone to come to Greenville Downtown Airport to see the playground. Particularly would like you to fly into the airport so you can see the children playing on the playground, see them wave to you, jump up and down and get so excited to see your plane land. It is so much fun for you as well as them. It is so inspiring and hopefully others will copy it and he is sure that some of these children will become aviators.

**Commissioner VanAntwerp** – Updated the Commission on the liability bill for private airports, which is House Bill #7343 sponsored by Representatives Simrill, Limehouse, Taylor, and others.

**Commissioner Joye** – Attended one of his airports commission meetings and would like to attend others. He has requested a letter be send out to his airports requesting information on their commission meetings so he can schedule attendance. He also stated he looks forward to working with **Commissioner Waters**.

**New/Other Business**

The next meeting date is April 24, 2014 at the SCAC facility in West Columbia at 10:00 a.m. **Commissioner Hunt** indicated he will be unable to attend on this date due to a conflict on his schedule.

**Executive Session**

**Chairman Gantt** made a **Motion** for the Commission to go into Executive Session to discussion personnel issues.

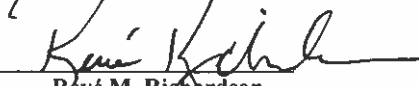
**Commissioner Young** seconded and all approved. Following the Executive Session, the Commission returned to open session and announced that **no action** was taken during Executive Session.

**Chairman Gantt** called the Commission meeting back in session with a quorum in attendance. The Commission requested the position for Administrative Coordinator I to replace Mrs. Richardson who is retiring July 1, 2014 be posted as soon as possible and filled by May 16, 2014 to allow adequate training time. The Commission announced the current Executive Director will be moving to the position of Program Manager II-Project Manager Specialist on June 30, 2014. At the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Commission will select who will be Interim Director beginning on July 1, 2014.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, **Chairman Gantt** moved the meeting be adjourned, **Commissioner Kappel** seconded, and all approved.

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Commission Recording Secretary  
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Delphin A. Gantt, Jr.  
Commission Chairman

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